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SUBJ: USE OF USAF MAC FLIGHTS FROM CYPRUS

REF: A. NICOSIA 3156; B. STATE 207668 NOTAL

1. EMBASSY HAS ASKED LOCAL USAF COMMAND (HEADQUARTERS TUSLOG) TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITIES FOR USAF AIR TRANSPORT OF PERSONNEL, HHE, AIR FREIGHT AND POVS FROM CYPRUS VIA INCIRLIK TO POINT WHERE UN-DELAYED COMMERCIAL AIR AND SEA (AS APPROPRIATE) SERVICE IS AVAILABLE. TUSLOG MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO RESPOND ASAP.

2. IN MEANTIME, WE WISH POINT OUT THAT WE ANTICIPATE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH TURKISH CUSTOMS IF WE ATTEMPT TO TRANSFER HHE AND POVS ARRIVING BY AIR AT INCIRLIK TO SEA SHIPMENT FROM ISKENDERUN (OR ANY OTHER TURKISH SEAPORT). ON OTHER HAND, WE BELIEVE AIR SHIPMENT HHE AND POVS VIA INCIRLIK MANAGEABLE IF TRANSFERRED THERE TO ANOTHER MAC FLIGHT BOUND FOR EUROPE OR CONUS. IT WOULD ALSO BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE TRANSITING PERSONNEL AND AIR FREIGHT CONTINUE VIA MAC FLIGHT FROM INCIRLIK, RATHER THAN ATTEMPT MAKE COMMERCIAL AIR CONNECTION FROM ADANA TO AVOID HIGHLIGHTING USE OF INCIRLIK AS TRANSIT POINT FOR USG FLIGHTS FROM CYPRUS. WE WOULD IN ANY CASE BE OBLIGED TO INFORM THE GOT OF WHAT WE WERE DOING.

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3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: A) CAN DEPARTMENT OBTAIN WAIVER REQUIRED BY DOD FOR AIR SHIPMENT HHE AND POVS? B) IF ANSWER TO A AFFIRMATIVE, WOULD DEPARTMENT BE PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE AIR SHIPMENT HHE AND POVS AS FAR AS EUROPE (GERMANY) OR CONUS TO ALLOW TRANSFER OF GOODS TO ANOTHER OUTBOUND MAC FLIGHT AT INCIRLIK?
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